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Hyperion comment.

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**From:** Sandy Pederson [mailto:spederson@vyn.midco.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 13, 2008 8:56 PM  
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**Subject:** Attn: Hyperion Air Permit

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To: SD Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
From: Clarence and Sandy Pederson, 704 Valley View, Vermillion SD 57069

Re: Hyperion Air Permit

A primary set of questions that we have are: Why isn't a complete environmental impact study being organized and conducted? Are there plans for such a study, and if so when? Who will conduct the study?

A second set of questions are: Why is the air quality permit being discussed at this time and separate from all other issues? What is being done to establish baseline air quality? When will water quality be studied? When will social impacts and cultural impacts be addressed?

This project is being promoted as one of the largest building projects in recent history. Is your department receiving additional resources to address these issues? Please inform us of how much increased funding you have received and how you are using that money to respond to the project.

This evening we have been reviewing the comments submitted in regard to the air permit. We find it somewhat appalling to see so many form letters written simply supporting this project. It is also somewhat disappointing to see so many form letters criticizing and not asking specific questions, but it does seem to us that we should err on the side of caution in this project.

We would like to note that the business of government should be to protect the citizens. The role of government should not be one of simply promoting development. We would point out that your department is called Environment and Natural Resources. So your role should be to protect the environment and natural resources.

In closing we would like to point out that southeastern South Dakota has the richest farmland in the

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state. This land can produce food forever if it is properly cared for. In today's world good crop producing land is becoming more and more scarce. To protect this natural resource as food producing ground is probably the best use of this natural resource that can be imagined. We would hope that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources can protect this resource for generations to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration and we look forward to hearing answers to our questions.

Very Sincerely,

Clarence and Sandy Pederson, lifelong tax-paying residents of South Dakota